

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to HB 527:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state, county, and municipal road systems, so as to authorize procedures relative to asbestos pipe; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state, county, and municipal road systems, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"32-4-4.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'entity' means a county, a municipality, a consolidated government, or a local authority.

(b) Whenever existing utility facilities owned and operated by an entity contain asbestos pipe and such pipe exists in the rights of way of any road, bridge, or other transportation project authorized pursuant to this title, and the entity determines that such pipe should no longer be utilized, the entity that owns and operates the utility facility shall have the discretion to:

(1) Remove and dispose of the asbestos pipe in accordance with federal laws and regulations;

(2) Leave the asbestos pipe in place and fill it with grout or other similar substance designed to harden within the pipe; or

(3) Allow the pipe to remain undisturbed in the ground and take no further action.

(c) At the request of the department or any local government or authority, any asbestos pipe left in the right of way as authorized by subsection (b) of this Code section shall be marked so as to be locatable."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
26 without such approval.

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.